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dis•pose (dī'spōz)

v. -posed, -pos•ing,

n. v.t.

1. to give a tendency or inclination to; incline: *His temperament disposed him to argue readily with people.*
2. to put in a particular or the proper order or arrangement; adjust by arranging the parts.
- 3. to put in a particular or suitable place.**
4. to make fit or ready; prepare.

v.i.

5. to arrange or decide matters: *to do as God disposes.*

6. *Obs.* to make terms.

- 7. dispose of,**

- a. to deal with conclusively; settle.
- b. to get rid of; discard or destroy.
- c. to give away or sell.

n.

8. *Archaic.* disposition.

9. *Obs.* regulation.

[1300–50; Middle English < Middle French *disposer*=*dis-*¹ + *poser* to place (see **pose**¹)]

dis•pos'er, n.

dis•pos'ing•ly, adv.

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Past participle: disposed

Gerund: disposing

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Verb 1. dispose - give, sell, or transfer to another; "She disposed of her parents' possessions"

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dis·pose (dī-spōz')

v. dis·posed, dis·pos·ing, dis·pos·es

v.tr.

1. To put into a willing or receptive frame of mind; incline: *"If we're going to preach the politics of virtue, then we need to promote the social conditions that dispose people to be virtuous"* (Lillian B. Rubin).
2. To place or set in a particular order; arrange: *"Sally ... was beginning to loosen the upper sheet and dispose the pillows"* (Harriet Beecher Stowe).

v.intr.

To determine the course of events: *Man proposes, God disposes*.

Phrasal Verb:

dispose of

1. To finish dealing with something; settle: *Let's dispose of the matter and turn to something else*.
2. To give or transfer to someone else, especially permanently: *She disposed of her estate among her heirs. He disposed of his memoirs to a research library*.
3. To get rid of; throw out: *He disposed of the newspapers after reading them*.
4. To kill or destroy.

[Middle English disposer, *to arrange*, from Old French disposer, alteration (influenced by poser, *to put, place*) of Latin dispōnere, *to arrange*: *dis-*, apart; see **dis-** + pōnere, *to put*; see **apo-** in [Indo-European roots](#).]

dis·pos'er n.

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dispose (dr'spōz)

vb

1.
 - a. to deal with or settle
 - b. to give, sell, or transfer to another
 - c. to throw out or away
 - d. to consume, esp hurriedly
 - e. to kill
2. to arrange or settle (matters) by placing into correct or final condition: *man proposes, God disposes*.
3. (tr) to make willing or receptive
4. (tr) to adjust or place in a certain order or position
5. (often foll by: *to*) to accustom or condition

n

an obsolete word for [disposal](#), [disposition](#)

[C14: from Old French disposer, from Latin dispōnere to set in different places, arrange, from dis-¹ + pōnere to place]

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